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NAIROBI -- U.S. CONGRESSMAN CHARLES DIGGS TODAY WEDNESDAY
TERMED AMERICAN INVOLVEMENT IN THE ANGOLAN CIVIL WAR "THE MOST
SERIOUS BLUNDER IT HAS COMMITTED IN THE ENTIRE HISTORY OF
U.S.-AFRICAN DIPLOMACY."

STOPPING BRIEFLY IN NAIROBI AFTER ATTENDING THE SPECIAL
OAU SUMMIT CONFERENCE ON ANGOLA, DIGGS SAID AT A NEWS
CONFERENCE THAT IN VIEW OF THE COMPLEXITY OF THE ANGOLAN
PROBLEM IT WAS NOT SURPRISING TO HIM THAT AN ALL-EMBRACING
CONCLUSION DID NOT EMERGE. "IT WAS THE BEST THAT COULD HAVE
BEEN EXPECTED," HE SAID.

HE SAY SOME PROGRESS AT ADDIS ABABA IN THAT SOUTH AFRICA
WAS SINGLED OUT AS THE "ARCH-VILLAIN, AND THIS HAS COALESCED
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AFRICAN ACROSS THE POLITICAL SPECTRUM." HE POINTED ALSO TO

THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A RECONCILIATION COMMITTEE ON ANGOLA,
AND CONCLUDED THAT "THE SOLIDARY OF THE OAU HAS BEEN MAINTAINED."

CONGRESSMAN DIGGS SAID THE U.S. "BEARS THE RESPONSIBILITY
FOR GETTING SOUTH AFRICA OUT OF THE ANGOLAN WAR" BECAUSE
AMERICA IS "SIGNIFICANTLY INVOLVED IN SOUTH AFRICA'S ECONOMIC
AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCEMENT." HE ADDED THAT WITH AMERICAN
AND SOUTH AFRICAN WITHDRAWAL FROM ANGOLA, THE SOVIET UNION'S
POSITION, AS THE ONLY REMAINING FOREIGN POWER WOULD BE "UNTENABLE."

HE DISCLOSED THAT HE HAS URGED THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE
TO WITHDRAW FROM SOUTH AFRICA BOTH THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR
AND MILITARY ATTACHE FOR PROLONGED CONSULTATIONS AS A MEANS
OF SHOWING DISPLEASURE OVER SOUTH AFRICA'S INVOLVEMENT.

THE CONGRESSMAN SAID HE DEPLORED THE "COVERT NATURE OF MY
GOVERNMENTS'S INVOLVEMENT" IN ANGOLA AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE
THAT THE CONGRESS WOULD VOTE TO STOP THE FLOW OF FUNDS TO
THE FNLA AND UNITA.
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